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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

AMONETT ET AL.

Examiner

Tamai I.E. Karl

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 August 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 2, 9, and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Muller et al. (Muller)(US 4426158). Muller teaches a timing motor and gear train having a stator plate 2 with upper and lower sides and a rotor 35, and having gear trains above and below the stator plate 2 with the shaft 44 engaging the gear 46 through the stator plate. The rotor mounted in an orifice which has a circumference and is bounded by a plurality magnetic poles. Muller teaches bus bars 308-314 connected to a resonator/timer.

Muller teaches an alternative embodiment without shaft 18 (col. 5, lines 1-15) and gear wheel 20, such that there is only a single connection through the stator plate. Muller suggests at shaft and gears are connected during assembly because the gears are larger than the through hole 42b.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

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(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

5. Claims 3-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Muller et al. (Muller)(4426158) and Horbach (US 3215964). Muller teaches every aspect of the invention except a buss bar in the timer, a coil wound on a rectangular bobbin with square wire terminals. Muller teaches a timing motor with buss bars 308-314. Horbach teaches a bobbin with square terminals for the magnetic wire on the bobbin to provide inexpensive and fast assembly of the electric coil with other components. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to construct the motor of Muller with the square wire terminals of Horbach to provide inexpensive and fast assembly of devices required electric coils on bobbins.

6. Claims 6-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Muller et al. (Muller)(4426158), in further view of Plancon et al. (Plancon)(US 4888507). Muller teaches every aspect of the invention except a steel post perpendicular to the stator plate. Plancon teaches a steel post in the rotor perpendicular to the stator to provide a single machined rotor, pinion 6, and bearings. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to construct the motor of Muller with the steel post of Plancon to provide simplified production and strong steel bearings.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments filed 8/15/2006 have been fully considered but they are moot in view of the new ground of rejection.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Karl I.E. Tamai whose telephone number is (571) 272 - 2036.

The examiner can be normally contacted on Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Darren Schuberg, can be reached at (571) 272 - 2044. The facsimile number for the Group is (703) 872 - 9306.

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PRIMARY PATENT EXAMINER
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